Subject: Chat with Patrick Frey
From: Patrick Frey <patterico@gmail.com>
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5:17 PM **Patrick**: I assume you saw Jeff Goldstein threatening the life of one of his commenters?
5:18 PM http://proteinwisdom.com/?p=22631#comment-1034551
5:19 PM **me**: heh, no, let me look
I'll show you something funny regarding him in a sec
5:20 PM **Patrick**: You didn't get that link from me
They're discussing it at RS McCain's today
5:21 PM **me**: lol, keeps getting better
McCain threated the editorial board of some southern newspaper two years back
Patrick: Oh yeah?
me: they should get gay married
5:22 PM yeah, this was around the time he and I got in a long conflict
Patrick: Link?
5:23 PM **me**: one sec, two cinnamon rolls left
lolololol
Patrick: I'm interested in the funny thing you have on Goldstein as well
me: this wins ironic award
5:24 PM "Comment by Jeff G. on 11/12 @ 8:19 pm #

Still no real name? Typical. Tell me: are you touching yourself right now? I bet you are. This has gotta be the only way a frail little twat like you will ever get to feel powerful. Anonymously and at a safe distance."
Patrick: Why do you say that?
5:25 PM **me**: because Goldstein has threatened to kill or otherwise attack like two dozen people by my count
and, frankly, has a pretty obvious complex of his own
5:26 PM **Patrick**: I don't know that I have ever seen such a clear death threat before. Many threats of violence. Happy to collect any links you have
me: okay, let me pull up the best one
5:27 PM you're right, I don't recall him making any explicit death threats per se, just a large number of duels
Patrick: This is the first clear death threat I have seen
5:28 PM Were I that commenter, I would contact the authorities
5:29 PM **me**: I wouldn't, I'd do exactly what he did and give him my address, safe in the knowledge that Jeff can't afford a plane ticket and isn't even armed
Patrick: He says he is

5:30 PM The guy gave a fake address
So what did you have to show me?
me: ok
http://trueslant.com/barrettbrown/2009/10/03/regarding-jeff-goldstein-and-protein-wisdom/
some backstory first
Patrick: I read that at the time
5:31 PM **me**: okay, the funny part of that of course is him claiming he was going to take down his blog
Patrick: He has threatened to shut down PW a million times. It's a way of seeking praise. "Oh, no, please, don't!!!"
me: ok
and the funnier part is his removing that comment
5:32 PM **Patrick**: The first time I saw him do it I fell for it, then someone explained it to me. Since then I have seen similar threats maybe a dozen times
me: but the funniest part is
that, upon seeing that comment, I took a screen cap
Patrick: Yeah, I screencapped the death threat
me: now, I'm not like an internet photographer who runs around taking pictures of things
5:33 PM but I took one of that, because I'd seen him take down his own whiny comments before
Patrick: Yup
me: and voila, he takes it down
now, as for the rest
Patrick: Did he deny putting it up to begin with?
5:34 PM **me**: no, he didn't mention it afterwards, which was smart of him
didnt want to draw any further attention
Patrick: But where is the comment?
I don't see it in your link
me: at the bottom, for some reason the text is small
5:35 PM True/Slant had fucked up backend software
http://i825.photobucket.com/albums/zz179/barriticus/GoldsteinComment.jpg
Patrick: I see it now
5:36 PM **me**: he later removed the gayer portion of that comment, and I think replaced it with something more manly
5:37 PM **Patrick**: He is a little bitch
me: are you aware that he's posted videos of he and himself wrestling in his garage?
sorry, he and his friend
Patrick: Uh, no
Where?

5:38 PM **me**: another good instance of Goldsteinism, to borrow a phrase from ORwell, would be the conflict he had with the web designer/coder who was supposed to build his wresting friend's website
let's see
this was a couple years back
there was some sort of term he used for the particular sort of wrestling he did
5:39 PM I'll have to think, otherwise googling "Jeff Goldstein wrestling" might work
Patrick: catch wrestling
me: yes
that's it
5:40 PM also
first off, you've got to understand that I'm the world's greatest expert on Goldsteinism, having lived among his people like some sort of latter day Margaret Mead
5:41 PM there is also Darleen Click
who does the shitty cartoons about how SUDDENLY SOCIALISM
the funny thing about her is
5:42 PM is that
and here I should note that I am very much despised by the commenters over there
Patrick: I know
5:43 PM As am I
me: first off, I got Goldstein a gig writing for National Lampoon
with me
couple years back
5:44 PM later, this Darlene Click
I introduced her to the current editor of Mad
which the audience over there is not aware of
5:45 PM meanwhile, she kept towing the anti-Barrett party line
5:46 PM my intent was eventually to embarrass her by revealing the e-mails and thus showing that she was willing to accept my help even after I had been so mean to everyone
but then I lost interest so I never did that
5:47 PM as for Goldstein, I genuinely liked him for a while even despite his flaws
as I understand him, being neurotic myself
Patrick: I used to enjoy him a lot
Until he started lying about me regularly
me: oh, I liked him even after he lied about me
5:48 PM **Patrick**: Which I believe happened because Karl left his site and then started blogging at mine
me: as I recall, his thing was to pretend to attack you through the context of intentionalism

Patrick: I have never met anyone who deliberately misrepresented my intent so consistently as him

me: and misrepresent your arguments as saying that conservatives must play some sort of dishonest word games

5:49 PM **Patrick**: Indeed

me: whereas I'm pretty sure you just didn't want the lower conservatives damaging conservatism by way of patently ridiculous statements

Patrick: Correct

Amazing how you can read me fairly and he can't

5:50 PM **me**: oh, I didn't even have to read you to know this

Patrick: Whereas your politics are different from mine and his are similar

me: it was evident in his own choices of terminology

Patrick: I think he is mentally ill

But very smart. Not as smart as he thinks he is -- but still, smart.

5:51 PM **me**: he's smarter than most of the people who believes the things he believes

his basic problem

Patrick: Too much fucking time on his hands

me: is that he could have been a major force in the conservative blogosphere

5:52 PM **Patrick**: Except?

me: he has a complex related to the fact that he is a former academic but wants to be seen as a rough--and-tumble street brawler

which he is not

Patrick: I feel like I could have been -- well, not a major one, but a more respected one -- but for all his lies about me

5:53 PM I feel like he has harmed my reputation with countless people through his drumbeat of lies about me

me: I don't know how much Goldstein could have hurt you among the sort of audience you would want

5:54 PM you could have been more widely read if you were more interested in serving conservatism as it has become rather than how it should be

Patrick: I think that's right

me: notice what's happened with Powerline lately

Patrick: What?

Marginalized?

5:55 PM **me**: marginalized by the Erick Ericksons and Dan Riehls of the world

Patrick: It's now Mark Levin driving all this shit, and he hates me

http://www.riehlworldview.com/carnivorous_conservative/2010/11/patterico-or-patrick-freys-divisive-dishonest-weak-minded-and-uncivil-tactics.html#comments

me: yes, that's exactly it

Patrick: That's from today

me: Mark Levin now runs your party, unfortunately

5:56 PM Karl Rove and Cheney had a sort of plan to which I'm not unsympathetic

Patrick: RS McCain, Goldstein, and Riehl are all competing with each other to see who can trash me the most and thus curry favor with Levin

5:57 PM **me**: which was to use social conservatives to achieve four or eight years of control by the adults and prepare for the eventual confrontation with China

5:59 PM the problem is that the American public can't be convinced straight up to do what is necessary to prevent the Chinese from taking control of Central Asia

6:00 PM at any rate, it's all well and good to stand and top and pretend that you've got domestic politics all nice and planned out
but no one ever does

6:01 PM so now we have the Mark Levins taking control

Patrick: Ah well. I have to work. I am thoroughly depressed by the state of affairs in the conservative blogosphere. I trust you will keep this conversation confidential?

6:02 PM **me**: certainly

6:03 PM at any rate, you and I have more common goals than you think and if you're willing to continue this conversation soon, I think you'll be interested in what I have to propose

6:04 PM suffice to say that I'm not among those who are happy to see the intellectual collapse of the Republican Party

Patrick: Heh. Now he is claiming at RS McCain's that it wasn't really a death threat.

me: two peas in a pod

6:07 PM **Patrick**: http://theothermccain.com/2010/11/13/the-demagogic-bloggers-on-the-right/#comment-96962456

6:09 PM **me**: You consider McCain to be unhelpful to the cause of bringing the conservative movement back to fiscal responsibility and foreign policy realism, right?

6:10 PM **Patrick**: Yes, because he is dishonest and has said racist things and is generally dishonorable

6:11 PM **me**: But you realize that if you were the one to finally destroy his credibility, it would hurt you in some fashion among those who hate liberals more than they love true conservative ideals, right?

6:12 PM **Patrick**: Of course. I took a huge ration of shit for calling one racist comment racist

6:13 PM **me**: And of course, mere racist sentiment hasn't yet him brought him down. He still writes for American Spectator and gets to interview people like Todd Palin.

6:15 PM However, a major and blatant breach of journalistic ethics tied to racism might do it, wouldn't you think?

6:16 PM **Patrick**: Yup

6:17 PM **me**: Did you happen to take a look at my upcoming book manuscript that I sent you last month?

Patrick: Not sure when you sent it. I was on vacation for a couple of weeks there.

me: I'll resend it now.
You'll find a chapter on McCain.

I hereby give you reprint rights to the entire chapter to use as you like.

6:18 PM You won't have any trouble identifying the pertinent segment.

6:19 PM **Patrick**: OK. But I really do have to work. Will look at it later. Nice chatting with you.

me: Adios.